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# OUT OF THE CLOSET, INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

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KRISTIN TOUSSAINT, REPORTER

I first heard of the 1969 riots at Greenwich Village's Stonewall Inn in college, but I know it's not commonly taught history for many. And I still barely learned all the details. I didn't know that in the '60s, police discriminated against the LGBT community by deeming them "disorderly," which meant that any bar that served gays and lesbians could have their liquor license revoked by the New York State Liquor Authority. I learned that while on a tour with the co-founders of the NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project, and that's barely scratching the surface of LGBT history here. They've already found around 400 places you can visit throughout the five boroughs that are connected to LGBT history, so you can make your own walking tour.

HUGE FISSURE OPENS ON  
HAWAIIAN VOLCANO

**1** A massive new fissure opened on Hawaii's Kilauea volcano, hurling bursts of rock and magma on Sunday while threatening nearby homes within a zone where authorities had just ordered an evacuation. The fissure, a vivid gouge of magma with steam and smoke pouring out both ends, was the 17th to open on the volcano since it began erupting on May 3. Dozens of homes have been destroyed and hundreds of people forced to evacuate in the past 10 days. As seen from a helicopter, the crack appeared to be about 1,000 feet long and among the largest of those fracturing the

side of Kilauea, a 4,000-foot-high volcano with a lake of lava at its summit. Civil Defense officials on Sunday ordered people living on Haleakalana Road to evacuate and be on the alert for gas emissions and lava spatter. Nearby vacation rentals were directed to cease operations to conserve water and enable emergency operations to concentrate on year-round residents. A pair of homes sat about 100 yards beneath the fissure on the hillside. Meanwhile, other fissures continued to billow smoke over homes in Pahoa, on the Big Island of Hawaii, the largest of the Hawaiian islands.

ISRAEL, US CELEBRATE  
OPENING OF EMBASSY

**2** Israel launched celebrations on Sunday for the U.S. Embassy's relocation to Jerusalem, a move whose break with world consensus was underscored by the absence of most envoys to the country from a reception hosted by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Monday's slated opening of the new embassy follows President Donald Trump's recognition in December of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, a decision he said fulfilled decades of policy pledges in Washington and formalized realities on the ground. The Palestinians, who want their own future state with its capital in east

Jerusalem, have been outraged by Trump's shift from previous administration's preference for keeping the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv pending progress in peace efforts. Those talks have been frozen since 2014. Other major powers worry that the U.S. move could inflame Palestinian unrest in the occupied West Bank and on the Gaza Strip border, where Israel reinforced troops in anticipation of the embassy opening. Most countries say Jerusalem's status should be determined in a final peace settlement, and say moving their embassies now would pre-judge any such deal.

## WORLD PARKOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

**3** Competitors warm up ahead of the start of the freestyle category during the second round of the World Parkour Championships on May 12, 2018, in Mardin, Turkey.

RHETORIC ON IRAN RISES  
AMID SANCTIONS THREAT

**4** The United States threatened on Sunday to impose sanctions on European companies that do business with Iran, as the remaining participants in the Iran nuclear accord stiffened their resolve to keep that agreement operational. White House national security adviser John Bolton said U.S. sanctions on European companies that maintain business dealings with Iran were "possible," while Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he remained hopeful Washington and its allies could strike a new nuclear deal with Tehran. Bolton struck a more hawkish tone with his comments in an

interview with CNN's "State of the Union" program than Pompeo did on "Fox News Sunday." President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that the U.S. was withdrawing from the 2015 deal. So far, China, France, Russia, Britain, Germany and Iran remain in the accord, which placed controls on Iran's nuclear program and led to a relaxation of economic sanctions against Iran and companies doing business there. Despite the U.S. exit, Britain and Iran expressed their commitment on Sunday to ensuring that the accord is upheld, according to a statement released by British Prime Minister Theresa May's office.

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KOREA DENUCLEARIZATION

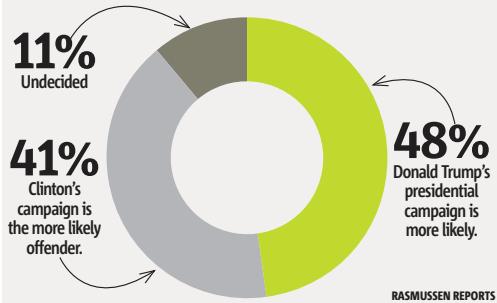
**5** Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Sunday that Washington would agree to lift sanctions on North Korea if the country agrees to completely dismantle its nuclear weapons program, a move that would create economic prosperity that "will rival" that of South Korea. As Pompeo spoke on several Sunday morning talk shows, the Pentagon said three American prisoners freed by North Korea had left Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington and been reunited with their families. President Donald Trump and North Korean's Kim Jong Un

have a planned June 12 meeting in Singapore. Pompeo said the U.S. would not be willing to invest taxpayer dollars to help the country, but was willing to "lift sanctions" to pave the way for private American investment in North Korea's energy, agriculture and infrastructure sectors. "What Chairman Kim will get from America is our finest – our entrepreneurs, our risk takers, our capital providers. ... They will get private capital that comes in. North Korea is desperately in need of energy ... for their people. They are in great need of agricultural equipment and technology," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

## STATS

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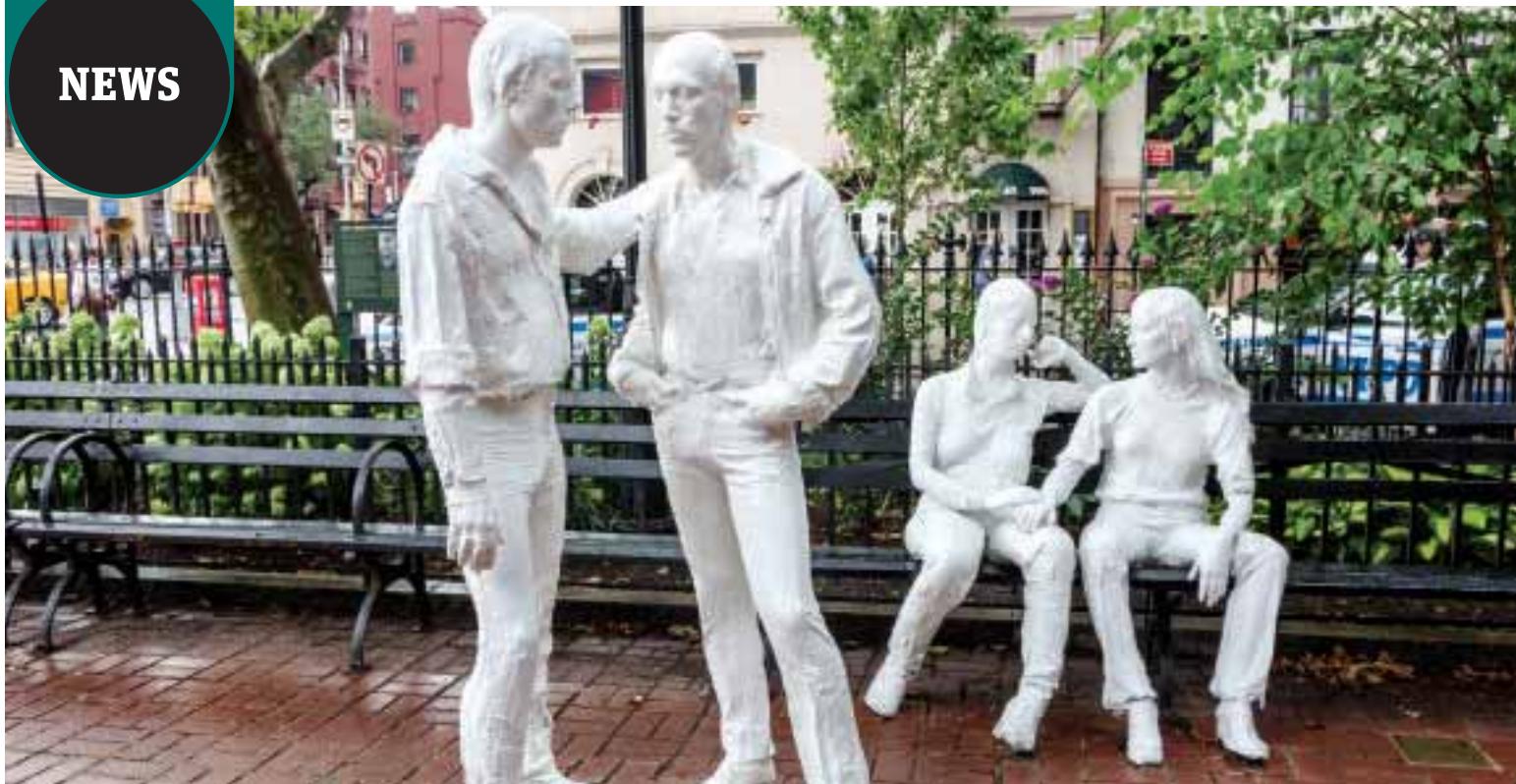
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## NEWS



Gay Liberation statues in Greenwich Village. GETTY IMAGES

# New project takes NYC's LGBT history out of the closet, and into the spotlight

The NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project has found about 400 real places in all five boroughs tied to LGBT history from the 17th century to 2000, and plans to add even more.

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When the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village was designated a National Monument in 2016, it was the first and only historic site out of about 92,000 in the National Park System to be recognized for its connection to the LGBT community. After a police raid of the gay bar in 1969, riots there sparked the gay rights movement.

Now, in 2018, there are still less than 20 sites on the National Register of Historic Places recognized for their tie to LGBT history, out of more than 93,000 properties across the country, said historian Jay Shockley.

The New York City

LGBT Historic Sites Project, which Shockley co-founded with Ken Lustbader and Andrew Dolkart, has been responsible for the national listing of six of those sites.

But that's just the beginning. Through their project, they've identified hundreds of historic LGBT sites across all five boroughs that show the timeline of that community way before, and beyond, Stonewall.

LGBT history predates Stonewall by hundreds of years, Lustbader said, and the project has identified about 400 properties around New York City from the 17th century to the year 2000, and they're continually adding more.

"This is a cultural heritage initiative," he said. "It's about place-based history, like residences, performance venues, commemorations — showing that LGBT history is American history by creating a physical land-

Ken Lustbader  
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scape." These sites are listed on the project's website at [nyclbsites.org](http://nyclbsites.org) via an interactive map, and the founders hope people use that to create their own historical tour of the city. And, these places aren't just interesting or relevant to those

portant to the community itself," Shockley said.

They've highlighted LGBT artists who have influenced all sorts, like where author Truman Capote lived to buildings designed by LGBT architects.

"What they're trying to do is bring LGBT history out of the closet and into the spotlight, because LGBT history is New York City history, is American history," said Kerry McCarthy, program director for arts and historic preservation with the New York Community Trust.

The Trust is a community foundation that funds nonprofits with the goal of improving the city. It was the first private foundation that supported the NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project.

Recently, McCarthy and some Trust donors (not directly linked to this project) did a walking tour around Greenwich Village with

within the LGBT community, they say.

"We're the only project, as far as we know, in the United States that looks at it both ways, [meaning] the influence of the LGBT community on American culture, not just sites that are im-

## 400

The project has identified about 400 properties around New York City from the 17th century to the year 2000, and they're continually adding more.

Lustbader and Shockley. Though they barely scratched the surface of LGBT history in New York, McCarthy said it was nice to have a chance to see at least part of the project's map "come alive."

"We think it's terrific to shine a light on LGBT history because it has been in the shadows," McCarthy said, "and the more people understand the significant cultural role the LGBT community has played, the better off we'll be as New Yorkers, and Americans."



Gov. Andrew Cuomo aimed to deprive the NRA of its right to "speak freely about gun-related issues and defend the Second Amendment," the group said in a new lawsuit. GETTY IMAGES

## NRA sues New York governor, regulator for 'blacklisting campaign'

National debate has heated up over the issue of gun control and the NRA's role in opposing it.

The National Rifle Association on Friday sued New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state's financial regulator for engaging in what it said was a "blacklisting campaign" aimed at swaying banks and insurers to stop doing business with the gun advocacy group, according to a complaint.

Gov. Cuomo and the New York State Department of Financial Services (NYDFS) aimed to deprive the NRA of its right to "speak freely about gun-related issues and defend the Second Amendment," the group said in the suit, referring to part of the U.S. Constitution that protects the right of Americans to bear arms.

"The NRA's lawsuit is a futile and desperate attempt to advance its dangerous agenda to sell more guns," Cuomo said in a statement, calling the suit "frivolous."

The NRA's lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York, follows a \$7 million fine on May 2 imposed by NYDFS against insurance broker Lockton Cos LLC, which administered an NRA-branded insurance program known as "Carry Guard."

On May 7, NYDFS fined insurer Chubb Ltd and its Illinois Union Insurance Company unit \$1.3 million for having "unlawfully provided liability insurance to gun owners for acts of intentional wrongdoing," the regulator said.

The fines were part of settlements between the companies and the regulator, outcomes that are the "culmination of years of political activism by Cuomo against the NRA and gun rights organizations," an NRA lawyer said in a statement.

# 17 KILLED

A former student killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

prosecution, backroom exhortations, and public threats" to coerce banks and insurance companies to withhold services from the NRA, the group said in

## Ex-New York Assembly Speaker Silver found guilty in second corruption trial

Former New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver was found guilty of corruption charges on Friday by a jury in Manhattan federal court after an appeals court threw out an earlier conviction.

Silver, 74, was charged with directing state money to a prominent cancer researcher and supporting a real estate developer's interests on rent legislation in exchange for about \$4 million in bribes and kickbacks.

Silver was found guilty of all seven

counts against him, including honest services fraud and extortion. The jury handed down its verdict at the end of its first full day of deliberations.

U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman in Manhattan said in a statement that Silver "took an oath to act in the best interests of the people of New York state."

"As a unanimous jury found, he sold his public office for private greed," Berman said.

**"As a unanimous jury found, he sold his public office for private greed."**

U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman

A lawyer for Silver could not immediately be reached for comment.

Silver was convicted for the first time in November 2015. In May 2016, Caproni sentenced him to 12 years in prison.

Last July, however, a New York federal appeals court threw out the conviction. The court ruled that the jury had received improper instructions in light of the Supreme Court's 2016 decision overturning the corruption conviction of former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell.

The Supreme Court found in that decision that routine political activities such as arranging meetings or reaching out to public officials were not "official acts" that could be prosecuted under federal bribery law.

Silver, a Democrat, represented Manhattan's Lower East Side, and was Assembly speaker from 1994 to 2015.

Along with Gov. Andrew Cuomo and former Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, he was one of the few people with effective power to dictate New York legislative priorities.

Skelos was convicted of corruption charges in December 2015 and sentenced to five years in prison. His conviction was overturned last year as well, for similar reasons as Silver's, and prosecutors have said they would try him again. REUTERS



Sheldon Silver was found guilty on Friday of seven counts against him, including honest services fraud and extortion. GETTY IMAGES

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National debate has heated up over the issue of gun control and the NRA's role in opposing it, since Feb. 14, when a former student killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, using an AR-15 assault rifle he had purchased legally.

Cuomo, NYDFS and its superintendent, Maria Vullo, whom the NRA also named as a defendant, engaged in a "campaign of selective

the suit.

The suit also cites an April letter issued by NYDFS to heads of banks and insurance companies doing business in New York encouraging them to manage "reputational risk" posed by dealings with "gun promotion organizations."

NYDFS has an obligation to "supervise and guide regulated entities to mitigate the risks to their safety and soundness that may derive from a variety of sources, including reputational risk," said Vullo.

NYDFS must also enforce New York law, Vullo said. The Lockton and Chubb settlements addressed unlicensed and unlawful activity connected with "Carry Guard."

The NRA has suffered tens of millions of dollars in damages, the group said. REUTERS



Between 2010 and 2016, the number of people killed nationwide each year by opioid overdoses doubled to more than 42,000, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ALL IMAGES GETTY IMAGES

# Overdose 101: New York inmates trained to use opioid antidote kit

By giving naloxone kits to inmates upon their release, New York state officials hope those in need will have a better chance of getting the antidote in time.

The inmates filed into a room at a New York prison, squeezed into classroom-style desks, and watched a guard demonstrate how a small plastic tube could help them save lives when they return to the streets of a nation gripped by an opioid epidemic.

The weekly class at the Queens-

boro Correctional Facility in New York City is part of a state program to expand access to naloxone, a drug delivered through a nasal spray that can quickly revive someone who is overdosing on heroin or an opioid-based prescription painkiller.

Some of the prisoners, dressed in baggy green prison uniforms, were surprised by the simplicity of the naloxone kits as they recalled the painful loss of friends or relatives killed by opioid addiction.

"It makes me think, 'Jesus, if she had that, she would be saved,'" said

Marc Webb, 34, reflecting on the over-

dose death of a close friend a few years ago. "I wish they had a nasal spray to stop addiction, period."

Although opioid addiction has spread to many different communities across the United States, recently released prisoners are more vulnerable to overdosing, particularly those who do not realize their tolerance has dropped while inside, studies show.

Between 2010 and 2016, the number of people killed nationwide each year by opioid overdoses doubled to more than 42,000, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Around 40 percent of those deaths are from prescription painkillers such as Oxycontin and Percocet.

In April, with the epi-

**15,500**

At least 15,500 inmates or parolees have received the training in the program's first three years.

pupils were pinpricks. He moved the man onto his side and fished the naloxone out of his bag.

"One dose, two dose," Small recalled. "Maybe 30 seconds went by. He started to come out of it."

Small called an ambulance, and the paramedic praised him and replaced his kit. The guys on the block ribbed him, Small said: "Oh, Dr. Kevin! Oh, Dr. Small!"

Months later, Small was smoking outside a friend's house. A stranger staggered toward him and slumped in the street. Small grabbed his backpack and got to work once again.

The instructions from the class came back to him. An uncomfortable knuckle rub on the man's sternum drew no response. Small could see the man's

dozen other jails and prisons throughout the state.

At least 15,500 inmates or parolees have received the training in the program's first three years, with more than 6,350 of them taking home naloxone kits, at a cost of about \$555,000 so far. Similar programs have started at jails in Chicago and Baltimore.

In a report published in March, the Vera Institute of Justice, a nonprofit research group, called the New York program "promising," saying it significantly increased awareness of how to deal with overdoses and that about two-thirds of inmates took the kits upon release.

"Our inmates are returning to the communities they came from," Breslin, the prison superintendent, said. "They're going to find people who are using, if not abusing, opioid drugs."

Besides Small, Breslin is aware of at least 12 other times a former inmate has used the kit they took with them to revive someone.

"There's drug addicts all around us," Small said. "Some we know, some we don't." REUTERS



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# #MegHarry: Art of the Windsors

Metro investigates what the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle set to happen on May 19 means for the most famous royal house in the world.



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As it is told in countless documentaries, films and lately in "The Crown" TV series, the Windsor family, much to their regret—and very much for their good fortune—is still the most followed house on the planet. Despite the will of its founders to keep that austere image that today only applies to keep them in force. And that's what they do best: stay relevant. And that is what we can see with Meghan Markle and Prince Harry's wedding.

The Windsors have passed hard tests before

their own beliefs: They had to change their name to one that sounds less German during the World War I, they managed to go through the crisis of the abdication of Edward VIII and his love for Wallis Simpson. Until they learned that love goes before duty and that it is not forever, as happened with Charles, Diana, Andrew, Fergie; and the subsequent death of "The People's Princess."

They have adapted, indeed. In appearance as well, with photographs on social networks like Instagram with the parachute

queen at the Olympic Games in London or portraits made by Annie Leibovitz. But with lessons learned reluctantly from what happened to Edward VIII and Diana.

And now: Meghan Markle. Why, if everything has worked so well with Kate Middleton?

For that same reluctance and those same identity conflicts that exist in Great Britain and in certain hegemonic sectors of English society. Unbelievably, due to

the color of skin and origin. And that, despite that Meghan is a breath of fresh air and diversity, a reflection of a nation that seems modern but still resents



Harry seems happy with Meghan, but parts of England are less so. GETTY IMAGES

inclusion by its old caste system.

## Comparisons

Meghan Markle seems to be another bestseller inside Buckingham: Everything she wears is sold out, even if it is not accessible for an average woman. Her beau-

ty secrets become a trending topic. Her looks are praised. Her first public victory is remembered with pride: speaking against a sexist commercial when she was 11.

She is a woman who has earned what she has. But this does not save her

from being hated. She got a letter with white powder and denigrating comments because of her biracial origin. That made Harry to step out himself and defend her. She has even been compared to Wallis Simpson for her divorce, even if the comparison

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is absurd, because it is usually forgotten that the lady from Baltimore was a Germanophile and a Nazi, while Markle is a women's rights activist who gave speeches at the United Nations.

Is it that old caste system, so seen in the works of Julian Fellowes (such as *Gosford Park* and *Downton Abbey*), so exclusive and rigid in its rules, still so present in English society, which fascinates so many, what drives that reluctance towards Markle? Is it that racism that still prevails in the U.K., despite being a melting point for its imperialist and colonial past? Yes, and yes.

In fact, the British media have been emphatic about Meghan's background with headlines such as "From Slaves to Royalty," or with writings like those of Rachel Johnson saying it will bring a "rich and exotic DNA" to the royal family. She also described her mother as an "African American with dreadlocks from a bad neighborhood" and her divorce has been emphasized, saying that 70 years ago she would have been a mistress more

than a wife. Jo Marley, girlfriend of UKIP's (party in favor of Brexit) leader had to retract for saying that she was staining the royal family and that she would never sleep with an "Afro" because they are "ugly."

And Meghan is still exotic, as exotic as black British, who identify themselves as such, according to the 2011 census. Only 2 percent of them identified themselves as biracial and it does not help much either that after Brexit hate crimes in

the U.K. has increased by 57 percent and its attitudes toward other origins, especially Islamic. And ever since the country was an Empire, many British citizens of Indian or overseas origin have been treated (even whites, like the Irish) as "second-hand Brits."

"It is necessary to recall that a part of England is absolutely classist and racist. And it is clear, that a black member of the royal family raises dislike. But times change and the

English monarchy is still alive. For me, the stability that it gives Harry is fundamental. And, if the monarchy does not evolve, it will disappear," Paloma Barrientos, Spain-based journalist and expert on royal families explained to Metro.

And, perhaps, that is the challenge of the family that has faced almost everything. And now, with Meghan Markle, must face their own prejudices, the same of their nation.



## Q&A

**PALOMA  
BARRIENTOS**  
Spain-based  
journalist and  
expert on royal  
families

### Do you believe that the Windsor's merit has been to adapt to the times?

It has been to have the queen, who has been the longest-reigning British monarch. But the monarchy saw that change especially as a result of the death of Diana, as it was seen in the movie "The Queen" (2006), when she asks: "Why have they stopped loving us?" I think that

is the inflection point. What is not known if Prince Charles will ever reign or if it will be his son.

### Many people in England have compared Meghan Markle to Wallis Simpson for being a divorcee.

Simpson was divorced with a very strong character and Prince Edward was the opposite. As we later learned, totally managed by her. Meghan and Harry are the opposite. Keep in mind that his mother died when he was 12 and he absolutely lost his way, he went through some crazy

years. And this girl has given him total stability. I love this couple. This guy deserves to be happy.

### Why do you think the queen accepted this relationship?

We must bear in mind that the Queen is already over 90 and that times have changed. Tragedies may happen in the future, and she just wants her grandchildren to be happy. Both Prince Harry and his brother experienced the loss of love of their parents and their infidelities, so, they will be the opposite: faithful men and very stable partners.

## DETAILS ABOUT THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR

### • No tabloids

After what happened with Diana in Paris and the treatment of Meghan within press using offensive headlines, Harry is not pleased with tabloids. In fact, only one journalist and four photographers will be allowed outside the chapel.

### • Best man, maid of honor and assistants

Prince William will be his brother's best man. It is not known yet who Meghan's official maid of honor will be. But it was revealed that her close friends like Jessica Mulroney (stylist) and Indian actress Priyanka Chopra will attend the wedding. Six hundred guests are expected to be there. Smartphones, medals and swords will be banned in the dress code. Common people were also invited to be outside the chapel and see the bride and groom arrive and leave

it. Other stars will also attend the event, such as Serena Williams and Meghan's "Suits" co-workers, Sarah Rafferty, Patrick J Adams and Wendell Pierce.

### • Party

There will be two receptions. Guests were asked to bring their own picnic, since the palace will not do catering.

### • A traditional ceremony

The couple will marry at the Saint George chapel. The regiments in which Harry served in Afghanistan will have a special place. The procession will also include 2,640 charity workers and community leaders.

### • The dress

Rumors say that Meghan Markle might use Ralph & Russo, Erdem or another British brand. But, perhaps, it will be a less-traditional brand, according to the bride's style.

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Josephine Cruz Bradley shares a picture of her injuries on Facebook. [FACEBOOK](#)

## Lyft subpoenaed in NYC woman's attack by other passenger

A little over a month since the attack, the NYPD is still working to identify the two men and have yet to receive information through the long subpoena process.



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The ride-share company Lyft has been subpoenaed in the attack on a New York city woman after the driver refused to tell police the name of the woman's assailant.

The New York woman, Josephine Cruz Bradley, contacted Lyft for a ride to the Barclays Center on April 7 to attend a UFC fight. Cruz Bradley shared with police that the driver picked up two men in Brooklyn on their way. After getting into the Lyft vehicle, "one of them started to roll a blunt," Cruz Bradley reported. "So I grew very concerned and I didn't want to be affiliated with that."

After informing the driver of the other passenger's illegal activities (Lyft has a zero-tolerance drug and alcohol policy), Cruz Bradley says the man became angry, swearing at her before punching her

in the face.

"He must have hit me at least three, four, five times," said Cruz Bradley. "Mostly in that eye."

Cruz Bradley did attempt to defend herself, but the unidentified male continued to punch.

"I kept thinking in my mind, 'Don't let him hit you again, don't let him hit you again,'" she said.

The Lyft driver eventually stopped the car to get the two men out. The New York woman's assailant punched her one more time before fleeing with his companion.

After New York city police arrived at the scene, Cruz Bradley recounted the events to the authorities. The Lyft driver however, would not assist in the investigation, telling police he is not allowed to disclose the passenger's names, forcing the NYPD to subpoena this information.

"They can't even start the investigation before getting a subpoena," Cruz Bradley's attorney, Brad Gerstman said.

A little over a month since the attack, the NYPD is still working to identify the two men and have yet to receive information through the long subpoena process.

"In real life, owners of a business step up. They tell police and explain what happened, but

you've got the opposite here," Gerstman said. "They're blocking the police from doing their jobs to protect the citizens of New York."

Since the incident,

**"I kept thinking in my mind, 'Don't let him hit you again, don't let him hit you again.'" "**

Josephine Cruz Bradley

Cruz Bradley has been banned from using Lyft. A Lyft representative informed Cruz Bradley that "there are two sides to every story" and that "the decision to deactivate your account will remain final."

Meanwhile, a Lyft representative released a statement in regards to Cruz's case to NBC New York. "These allegations are extremely concerning. From Day 1, the safety of the Lyft community has been our top priority. We have deactivated both passengers while we investigate, and have reached out to the investigating officer to offer our assistance."



## TRUMP'S AMERICA

# SO FUNNY AMERICA FORGOT TO LAUGH

## Analysis

## ELLIS HENICAN

Metro columnist Ellis Henican is the best-selling author of a dozen books. Join Ellis on Twitter @henican.



Wanna hear a joke about an American hero dying of brain cancer? I didn't think so. No decent person would. And it would take an even bigger creep to tell a joke like that and, once confronted by the dying man's distraught family, to refuse to utter a public apology.

Welcome to Washington, circa 2018.

Just as first lady Melania Trump is urging the nation's children to "choose their words wisely and speak with respect and compassion," this is the example being set down the hall by a government-funded adult?

I'm not someone who's easily offended by questionable taste in humor. Who is anymore? To me, most sacred cows are begging for an ex-

press ride to the butcher shop. But even the thickest-skinned among us have some lines we will not cross, such as ridiculing those who are on their deathbeds.

And then there is White House communications aide Kelly Sadler. For her, no such line exists, not if it involves someone who can be construed as any kind of opponent. Compared to Kelly, that bare-knuckles comedian from the White House Correspondents' Dinner was passing out Mother's Day bouquets.

In a meeting last week, White House staffers were complaining about John McCain, who'd vowed to vote against Gina Haspel as director of the CIA, concluding that "her refusal to acknowledge torture's immorality is disqualifying." The Arizona senator, of course, was tortured as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

To which Sadler reportedly cracked: "It doesn't matter. He's dying anyway."

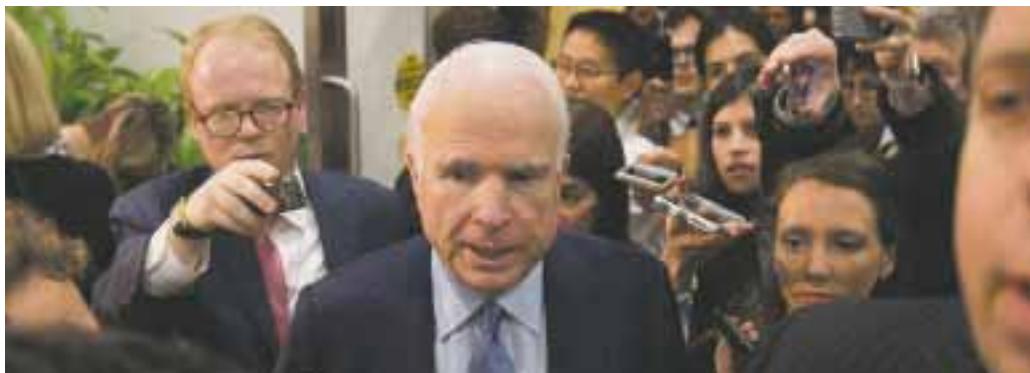
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The quote leaked out almost immediately, as everything does these days. And from that moment forward, all of Washington and much of America has been waiting for Sadler or someone else in the White House to stand up and apologize. Instead,

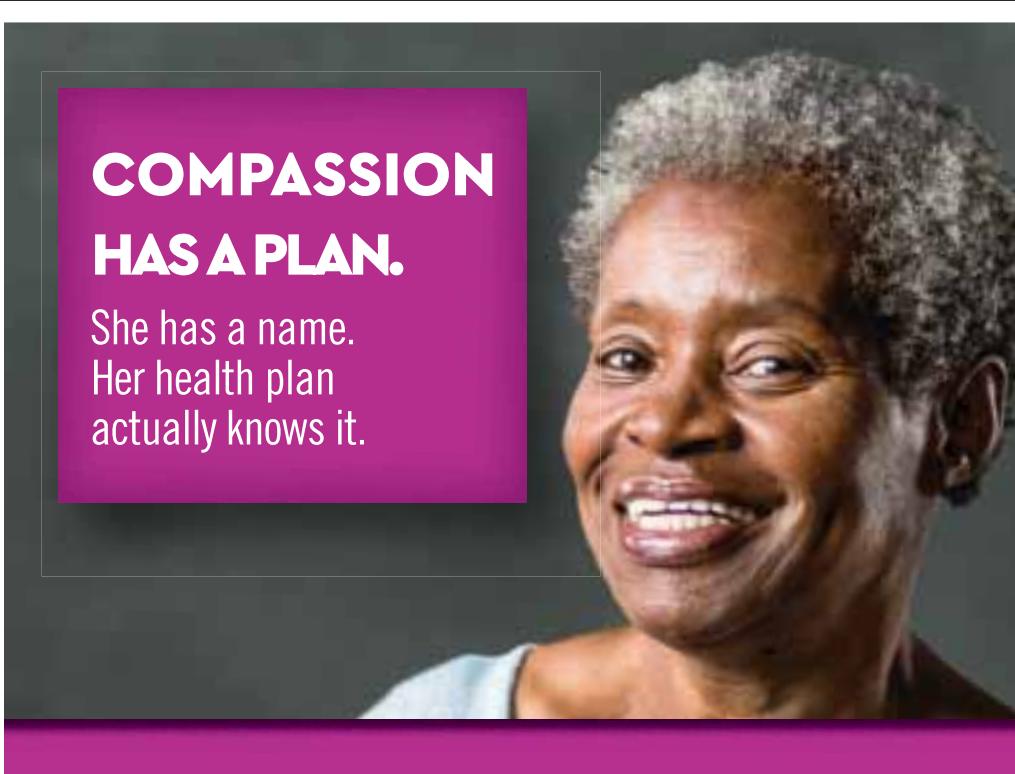
Sadler's been publicly silent. She may have made a phone call to daughter Meghan McCain but won't confirm that one way or the other.

And White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders has taken a stand of her own — not against cruel, heartless insults but against those who blow the whistle on them.

Quick show of hands: Who believes this won't happen again?



Sen. John McCain was the target of an insult from a White House staffer. GETTY IMAGES



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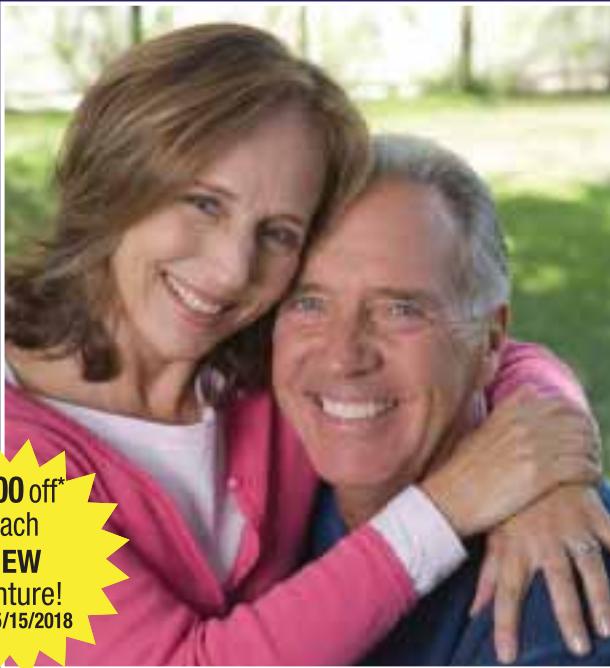
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## Scientists may have found a real treatment for male-pattern baldness

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Feel like your hair is getting a little thinner on top? You might not have to worry about going completely bald anymore. A new treatment for male-pattern baldness may be coming — and it's found in drugs that have been around for years.

Researchers from the University of Manchester Centre for Dermatology Research found that active compounds found in drugs to treat the immune system and osteoporosis stimulate hair follicles, leading to hair growth.

The potential male pattern baldness treatment — known clinically as Cyclosporine A — has been used since the 1980s as a immunosuppressant in people with organ transplants and autoim-



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mune diseases.

It also promotes "cosmetically unwanted" hair, according to the researchers, because it blocks the protein SFRP1 — the compound responsible for putting the brakes on hair growth.

Dr. Nathan Hawkshaw and his team then identified another compound found in an osteoporosis drug, WAY-316606, that targets the same hair growth mechanism as Cyclosporine A. The hope

is to create a topical treatment using WAY-316606 to promote hair growth like Cyclosporine A without the side effects.

"The fact this new agent, which had never even been considered in a hair-loss context, promotes human hair growth is exciting because of its translational potential: it could one day make a real difference to people who suffer from hair loss," Hawkshaw said in a statement.

### OTHER TREATMENTS FOR MALE-PATTERN BALDNESS

There are two other drugs that are currently approved as a male pattern baldness treatment: minoxidil and finasteride.

However, both are limited in their effectiveness and have side effects. Oral finasteride is shown

to cause decreased libido, sexual dysfunction and gynecomastia in men. Minoxidil can cause everything from skin redness to unwanted body hair, dizziness, fainting, chest pain, unusual weight gain, fatigue and more.

Currently, the only other way to treat male-pattern baldness is through invasive surgical hair transplants.

Dr. Nathan

Hawkshaw and his team hopes that a treatment using WAY-316606 will eventually make its way to the market and provide balding men with the psychological and physical boost of having a full head of hair.

"Clearly though, a clinical trial is required next to tell us whether this drug or similar compounds is both effective and safe in hair-loss patients," he said.



# Yes, Kim Jong Un is married, and here's everything you need to know about his wife

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un just named his wife "first lady," and she's assuming an increasingly visible role. Here's why.

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Not much is known about the personal life of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un — understandable, given that he's the head of a totalitarian government and the global media has been focusing on his constant nuclear brinksmanship. It's only natural if you're asking questions like, is Kim Jong Un married? If so, who is Kim Jong Un's wife? Does he have kids?

With South and North Korea now in detente, and



North Korean first lady Ri Sol Ju and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the inter-Korean summit in South Korea on Apr. 27. GETTY IMAGES

Kim scheduled to meet with President Trump on June 12 in Singapore, observers are grappling for clues on what to expect

and looking closely at the man himself. Chief among his personal details: Yes, Kim has a wife and at least one child.

## WHO IS KIM JONG UN'S WIFE?

You're excused if you've been asking is Kim Jong Un married, since it wasn't until late last month that Ri Sol Ju was named "respected first lady of North Korea" by Kim, the first time in 40 years that title had been used.

In mid-2012, reports called Ri a "mystery woman" at Kim's side and speculated that she was his sister. Since then, Ri Sol Ju has become far more visible, accompanying Kim to a state dinner



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with Chinese President Xi Jinping in March and at a dinner with South Korean President Moon Jae-in. But details about her life are still sketchy. Ri is believed to be in her 20s or early 30s, a graduate of Kim Il-Sung University and a granddaughter or grand-niece of a leader in the Korean People's Army. A former singer, Ri was also at least an amateur cheerleader — she was photographed as part of a North Korean cheering squad at the 2005 Asian Athletic Championships in Incheon, South Korea.

The first mention of Kim's offspring came in 2013, when Kim friend and former NBA star Dennis Rodman told the UK Sun that Kim has a daughter. After a trip to visit Kim, Rodman talked about meeting Ri and said "she kept talking about their beautiful baby daughter."

Citing South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) and two South Korean lawmakers, CNN reported that Kim and his wife have three children, the first a boy born in 2010 and the second a girl born in 2013.

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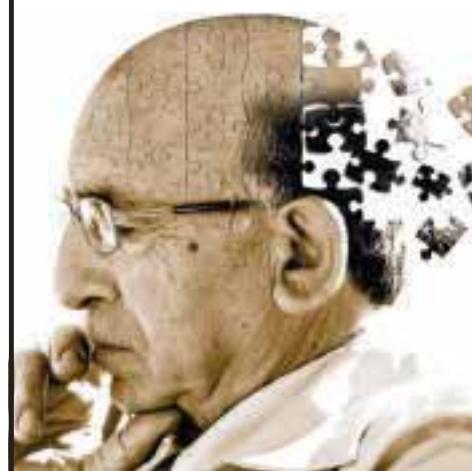
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# Can This Medical Technology Possibly Eliminate Or The Advanced Medical Treatment Every Back & Neck Pain Sufferer Needs To Know

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## What Results Can You Expect?

Like all real medical procedures... results vary for individual patients. No good and ethical doctor would guarantee any exact results for any procedure... that's just not how things work and it would be less than honest.

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## How Long Do The Results Last?

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How about being able to go for a simple walk or just do your basic daily chores without worrying about so much pain?

## Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and is *not surgical*.

## Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

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*The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.*

## What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof without the need for a surgical center or hospital.

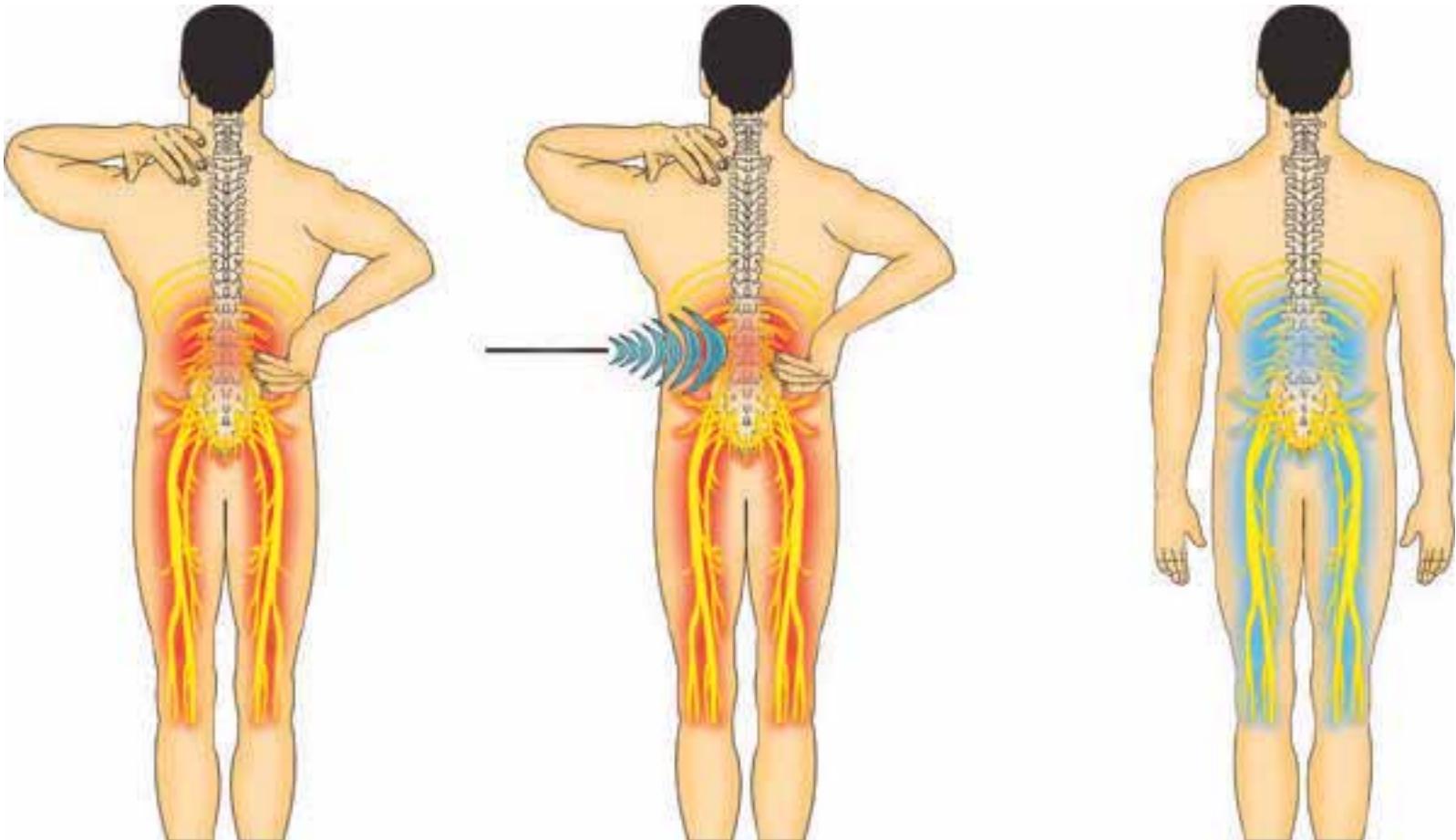
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Morgan Rousseau  
Metro Editor

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### READER REACTS

#### 'Keep your dog on a leash!' BY Diana A, Metro US Reader

My Cinco de Mayo went from festive to tragic when a loose pit bull attacked my poor Shih tzu. While walking my dog around the neighbor-

hood, a loose pit bull ran up to my dog and viciously attacked him. I fought for him, kicking and yelling for help. This loose cannon

put up a fight and did not want to let go of my dog's leg. Eventually, his owner ran out the house and did some sort of MMA move on him, something

like a chokehold, and that's how my Buster was able to escape. Thankfully he survived, we took him to University of Penn Vet emergency depart-

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**Taurus** Show everyone what you have to offer, and make it clear what you want in return. Taking control and doing all you can to reach your objective will be beneficial.



**Gemini** Someone who knows truth from fiction will question you if you don't stick to the facts. Personal changes will bring you the most satisfaction and the highest returns.



**Cancer** Ask for help if you need it. Collaborating with people who understand your situation will encourage you to get things done and move forward, even if you are stuck in the past.



**Leo** You may crave change, but it's important to keep things in perspective and move slowly to ensure that you do everything according to protocol.



**Virgo** Make plans to explore and expand your mind, skills and experience. Set up meetings, sign up for a course or network with like-minded people.



**Libra** Domestic problems will escalate if you don't handle sensitive matters diplomatically. Compromise and a strategically orchestrated plan will help you get your way. Be kind and understanding.



**Scorpio** Partnerships are favored. Working alongside the right person can make your professional and personal lives easier. Look at your options and be realistic regarding when moving forward.



**Sagittarius** Someone will hype an idea when trying to lure you to take part in a risky venture. Don't take a chance or believe everything you hear.



**Capricorn** Check out your options and make a decision based on what you want, not on what someone else is prompting you to do. Trust your judgment and do your own thing.



**Aquarius** You'll be faced with an emotional decision. Don't overreact or set impossible goals. Logic, reason and knowledge will lead you to a wise choice. Personal improvements are favored.



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# New York's kittens need YOU

It's kitten season! Here's how you can help the city's tiniest new furballs by becoming a foster mom or dad.



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Think you're up for the challenge of caring for a kitten? Spring has sprung which means "kitten season" has begun at New York City's animal shelters, which can quickly fill up and, needless to say, make for a less than ideal place to get a start on life.

Fostering is an important step to get the youngest cats ready to be adopted, and this year for the first time the ASPCA's Kitten Nursery is sending

its very tiniest residents called "bottle babies" out to foster homes.

"We opened here April 15, and they were slow coming in at first but now that it's warmer we're taking in a lot more — we got 25 in just one day last week," says Gemma Smith, administrative manager of the nursery located on the Upper East Side. Already this year, they've taken in over 200 kittens.

"With fostering, they get to be in a home environment that's better for them with someone who's able to provide them care, and then we can take in more kittens."

While this is definitely the cutest responsibility you'll ever take on, young kit-

tens need plenty of care and attention. At less than four weeks old they need hand-feeding as frequently as every three hours depending on age, as well as bathing, grooming and other specialized care. The ASPCA also provides all the necessary equipment from litter boxes to food and toys. Volunteers must go through training to be

come qualified fosters; sessions are held bi-monthly, and you can register at [aspca.org](http://aspca.org).

Don't let having a small apartment hold you back. Kittens can't really climb or roam much, and being in a home helps get them accustomed to human smells and touches, with more one-on-one time than the staff can provide.

The ASPCA's Kitten Nursery opened on 91st Street just behind its adoption center in 2014. It's the largest and first-ever such nursery in the city, where a team of staff and volunteers provide 24-hour care as surrogate moms to kittens — to date, more than 4,500 have been saved.

Kitten season lasts

from mid-April through October, so the need for foster moms and dads is ongoing. In all, the ASPCA took in 1,582 kittens last year primarily from the city's shelter system, Animal Care Centers of NYC. The ACC also has a fostering program for both bottle babies and older kittens, with volunteers encouraged to sign up at [nycacc.org](http://nycacc.org).

But Good Samaritans also intervene though Smith advises caution if you come across kittens in your neighborhood. The little ones may not necessarily be abandoned — the mom could just be out hunting.

"In the cases where you see a little of kittens and you're not sure, I believe it's best to wait and see if the mom returns," says Smith. If she does, the shelter also takes in nursing queens, as mom cats are called, along with their litters — they have their own quiet corner of the facility.

If fostering is not possible for you, you can also volunteer to work at the shelter for two-hour shifts that include anything from feeding and bathing kittens to playing with them.



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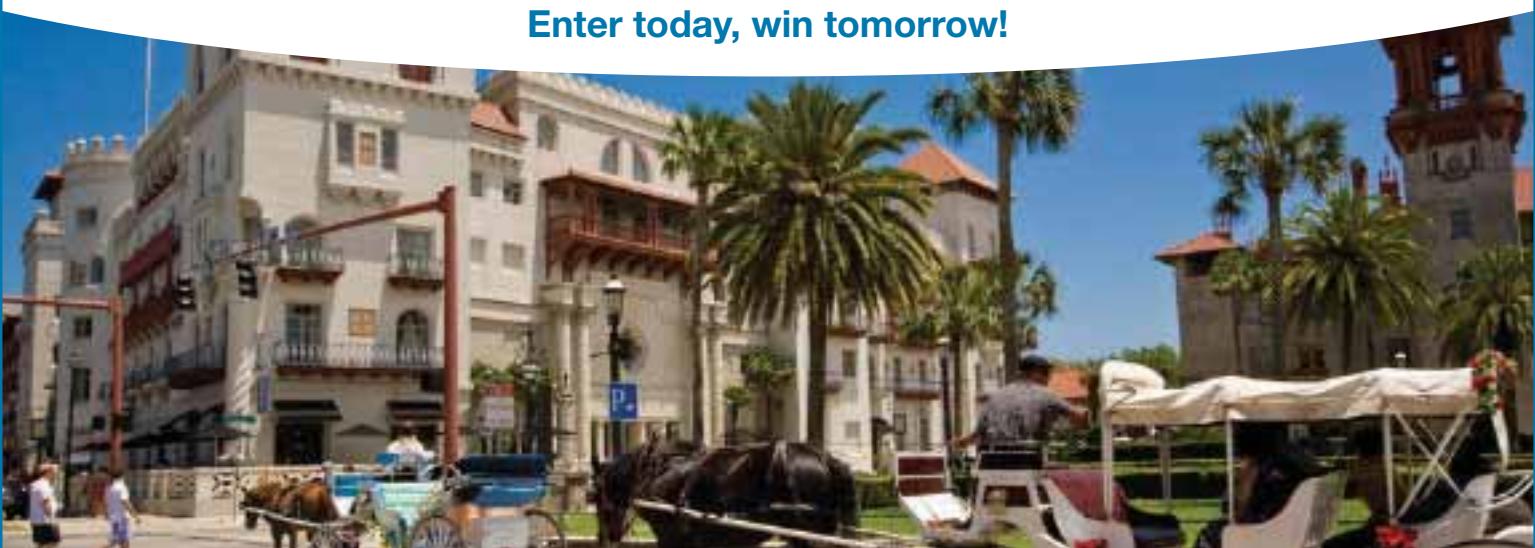


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# Is an e-bike for you?

It's National Bike to Work Week, so we tried out the latest fad in cycling: electric bikes.



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Biking in the city is, to put it mildly, daunting. There's the distracted drivers on their phones, pedestrians who don't respect bike lanes, the noise and rush of traffic right next to you. For the people who commute by bike, though, it's all worth it.

"Biking is the only way to get around this city," says Liam, 38, who commutes from Crown Heights to New York University. "The MTA is a garbage fire. People who drive who aren't Lyft, Uber or a cab are street-clogging sociopaths. Walking only works for short, leisurely strolls. If you need to actually get somewhere, you should be biking."

But what if you don't work out regularly and ridden a bike only sporadically since getting your training wheels off? If you've ever thought, "I'm not a cyclist, but I want to be," you're exactly the demographic who'd be best served by an electric bike.

I am that biking novice, and a recent test ride on one of these relatively new hybrid machines on the streets of Williamsburg made a strong case for getting into the saddle.

"We're providing alternative forms of transportation for people who traditionally haven't had cycling as an accessible path for them," says Anna Marie Wolf, co-owner of Sun & Air Bike Shop located just 50 feet from the bike entrance to the Williamsburg Bridge, one of the most heavily trafficked bridges by bikers in the country — and it's only going to get busier.

When the L train shuts down in April 2019

for 15 months to fix damage caused by flooding during Hurricane Sandy, it's expected to send about 10,000 more daily bike commuters into its lanes (not to mention adding to the misery of an already overburdened subway system).

"E-bikes allow you to pull a lot of cargo, take your kids to school, arrive at work in a much more presentable way especially in the summertime," she says. "This really opens up a whole new form of transportation for a city that's kind of maxed out infrastructure-wise: There is no more room for cars, but there's plenty of room for bikes."



Trek's Verve+ bike

Bill de Blasio's office clarified its stance on e-bikes back in April, declaring pedal-assist bikes street legal.

### What it felt like

E-bikes are already hugely popular in Europe, says Eric Bjorling of Wisconsin-based bike-maker Trek. "We're seeing a lot of people buy them as commuter bikes or something to keep up with a loved one who's really into cycling — this is a great equalizer for them," he says. "They really do address all of those last barriers that people have to riding a bike: super efficient, no sweat, hills become almost like flats."

Trek makes several e-bikes in a range of prices starting at \$2,299 up to \$5,199, which is the Super Commuter+ 8S that I tried out at Sun & Air.

For that price bump, you get more speed (up to 28mph), longer battery life and larger tires better suited for the rigors of city riding.

You feel the motor kick in as soon as you touch the pedals, but it's not a jerk — more like getting a gentle push, like catching a wave while surfing. Depending on the weight of the rider and which of the four modes you choose (from 25% up to 200% assistance), it can go between 30 and 80 miles on a charge, after which it turns into a regular bike. The battery can be removed with a key and plugged into a wall, fully charged again in three hours.

My main concerns were going too fast and being unable to stop. But it never felt like the bike was in control — if I didn't pedal, the motor wasn't pushing out power, and the hydraulic brakes made stopping smooth and easy.

In fact, everything about the experience was smooth and easy. What I wouldn't have given for this bike while huffing and puffing through the hills of Tuscany! While all the usual hazards of biking

were present — pedestrians stepping off the curb without looking, cars inching into bike lanes, bumps and small potholes — the stability from the bike's wider tires and being able to accelerate more quickly kept me out of trouble.

### Weighing the risks

Biking is not totally safe no matter how close attention you're paying. I spoke to three bike commuters for this story, and all of them have gotten in serious accidents and suffered injuries: getting "doored," being sideswiped by a truck and hitting a large bump on a poorly paved street. Yet they continue to get back in the saddle.

"Bike commuting is the best thing I ever did for my mental health," says Rose, 34, who rides her bike between Bushwick and Midtown. "For 45 minutes each way, I am gloriously alone with my thoughts and master of my own destiny. I am not subject to anyone else's timetable, I am never late, and my ride leaves me feeling full of joy and love for the universe instead of the hatred for all mankind the subway leaves me with."

Bikes in general are also tempting targets for theft. Removing the battery doesn't stop e-bikes from working as a regular bike, and most workplaces don't have bike storage — let alone bars and restaurants if you want to hit up happy hour.

And while they've gotten cheaper as more people buy them — over half of Trek's sales in the Netherlands are e-bikes — they're still pricey. Analog bikers can

also be wary of e-bikers. "Electric bikes should be illegal," says Lucy, 31, an Upper West Sider who has a road bike but commutes by Citibike because her office doesn't allow bikes inside the building. "Faster speed for people who aren't competent with bikes is dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. Unless you live in San Francisco or somewhere else with mega hills, it's not necessary. It will result in increasingly worse accidents."

### A better future?

Shutting down the L train is expected to double the number of bikers in Manhattan, which has led the MTA to propose creating the borough's first two-way protected bike lane on 13th Street. But ideas for easing the lives of the 400,000 people who rely on the L have been slow in coming and range from fantasy (a gondola like the Roosevelt Island Tram) to more realistic like closing 14th Street to car traffic, though that idea is struggling to gain traction.

The city's bike infrastructure is already inadequate, says Wolf — while Rose compares some Brooklyn streets to a "post-Soviet war zone" — but there may be some light at the end of the tunnel.

"What I suspect is the crisis of shutting down the train will necessitate the building of more permanent, better bike infrastructure," she says. "So what is a temporary disruption in mass transit I think overall will be a boon for pedestrians, cyclists and people who use other forms of public transit."



Even more bike commuters are expected to take to the Williamsburg Bridge once the L train shuts down. GETTY IMAGES

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"Calvin the II" Winbush is an actor and musician based in Los Angeles. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

## Meet one of the actors from Childish Gambino's 'This Is America'

Calvin the II got mistaken for Trayvon Martin's dad.



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the whole video. Tracy Martin has gone through enough."

Winbush got the call from his agent that he had been cast for the role while hanging out at Coachella.

"I drove back from Coachella to L.A. at 1 a.m.," he recalls. "Got back at 3 a.m. and had to be at set by 6 a.m."

Talk about dedication. Winbush reveals that the whole team was super respectful by disclosing exactly how he'd be featured in "This is America."

"One of the producers for the project gave me a call to fill me in on the violent nature of what would happen to my character, and I was re-

No, that's not Trayvon Martin's dad getting shot in Childish Gambino's game-changing "This Is America" video — it's Los Angeles-based actor and musician Calvin "Calvin the II" Winbush.

"My role in it was really just a black guitar player," he says. "To my knowledge, I do not in anyway believe that they wanted someone to look like Trayvon Martin's dad. That would have ruined

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Winbush was mistaken for Trayvon Martin's dad in the new Childish Gambino video "This Is America."

ally happy about that, because that doesn't always happen," he says.

The first scene shot was actually one of Winbush's last scenes in the video, where he plays the guitar with a bag over his head as Childish Gambino whips out impressive dance moves on the roof of a car.

"The director [Hiro Murai] was like, 'You ever play guitar with a bag over your head? I'm like, 'Yes?'

"Short answer yes, long answer — I'll tell you later," Winbush jokes. "It

wasn't true, but I was just messing around, and he got a kick of out that. It was a jovial set."

In response to all of the articles searching for the meaning of "This Is America," Winbush says everyone is going to have their own take on it.

"The moment an artist starts to break down their work, instead of a person having limitless ideas about what is happening, now there's just a period," he says.

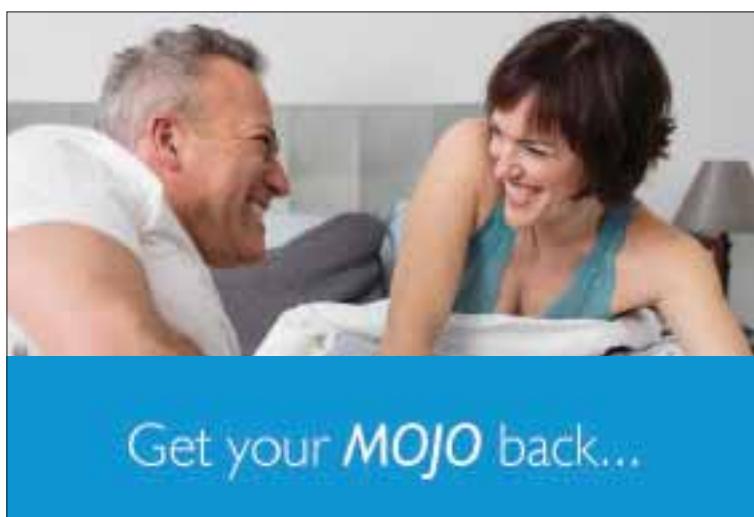
"But for me, it's about how we've become desensitized to violence, espe-

cially violence inflicted on people of color, and how we're distracted."

Winbush also emphasizes that Childish Gambino is not pointing a finger, he's simply holding up a mirror to society.

"That wouldn't be a productive way to start a conversation," he says. "Goes to show how in life, it's hard for us to sit back and see the big picture — we only see our part. We have blind spots."

For more information on *Calvin the II*, visit [calvintheii.com](http://calvintheii.com).



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College students without a financial safety net are in a tough spot when unexpected costs arise.

"The chances their parents can pick up the bill are not as high," says Sara Goldrick-Rab, a professor at Temple University in Philadelphia and founder of the Wisconsin Hope Lab, a research center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "It's not for lack of families wanting to; they don't have it."

A 2018 national survey led by Goldrick-Rab found more than a third of 20,000 university

# Where college students can find emergency money, food and housing



If you find yourself in a tough financial spot at college, there are resources and grants that can help you stay in class. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

students surveyed were food insecure or had limited or uncertain access to food in the previous

30 days. And 36% of those students said they were housing insecure in the last year, which

means they had trouble paying housing bills or had to move frequently.

Recognizing that a financial crisis can force a student to withdraw from classes, about three-quarters of colleges and other postsecondary schools offer some kind of help, according to a 2016 survey of emergency college aid programs by the professional association NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. Programs include loans and small cash grants, dining-hall vouchers and food pantries, and scholarships to complete a semester.

Here are resources for students who need emergency help. Depending on your school's policy, you may have to provide documentation of your financial need.

Community College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, assistance is available for students who face emergencies such as job loss, eviction or utility shut-off. The fund has provided students with over \$78,000 in grants and loans since 2014, according to school spokesperson Dave Murray.



## Emergency food

If you don't have consistent access to food, contact your school's student-affairs office to learn about programs such as food vouchers, scholarships, free meal plans, access to SNAP benefits and food pantries.

At the University of Georgia, where Jackson says 10% of the population is affected by food insecurity, students can apply for yearlong food scholarships that award

meal plans. There's also a campus food pantry.

Food pantries usually stock nonperishable foods, but some may also have fresh food and items such as cleaning supplies and hygiene products, says Clare Cady, co-founder and director of the College and University Food Bank Alliance, which has 626 member schools.

## Urgent housing

Few schools have emergency housing, and options are often limited.

"There really isn't a good housing solution," says Daphne Hernandez, a University of Houston researcher who is conducting a study of food scholarship effectiveness at Houston Community Colleges. "Four walls and a roof is a little more difficult than food."

Find out from your school's housing or student affairs office if there is an on-campus emergency residency program. Some schools set aside dorm rooms. The office of student affairs at your school may also point to off-campus housing solutions including short-term sublets, apartments, youth shelters or room shares.

## Financial aid

Emergency college aid programs tend to be short-term fixes that aren't intended to replace federal aid. Be sure to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, each year. You may need to appeal if you don't receive enough aid or an unexpected situation arises, such as unemployment, medical expenses or the death of a caregiver.

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# Knicks 'pursuit' of LeBron nothing but a pipe dream

New York looks to be gearing up for a run at the King in free agency, even if no one is admitting it.

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The likelihood of LeBron James coming to the New York Knicks during free agency this upcoming summer is slim to none. But that hasn't stopped the organization from going for it.

A report over the weekend by Marc Bertrand of the New York Post disclosed that team president Steve Mills and general manager Scott Perry reached out to James' agent, Rich Paul.

However, it wasn't about James, which could have been classified as tampering considering the Cavaliers

forward doesn't become a free agent until July 1. Instead, the Knicks and Paul discussed the credentials of David Fizdale, whom the team hired as their head coach last week.

Even if James wasn't mentioned, it very well could have been a move with him in mind.

James worked with Fizdale during his time with the Miami Heat, the latter once an assistant under Erik Spoelstra. The superstar has had nothing but good things to say about Fizdale, (h/t Cleveland Plain Dealer):

*"I think he's a good coach, a good communicator. He's never going to shy away from whatever he feels is right. I'm happy for Fiz, obviously. He gets an opportunity to showcase what he's about. So, we'll see what happens. Obviously, I don't speak for*



The Knicks might have picked up a coach LeBron James likes, but that doesn't mean he's coming to MSG. GETTY IMAGES

*the Knicks at all, but I'm happy for Fiz."*

Fizdale himself admitted that he and James

have a good relationship due to the fact that there is "respect through telling the truth to each

other," (h/t Steve Serby, New York Post) while "being there for each other when we hit the

low moments."

James was one of Fizdale's biggest supporters after he was suddenly fired from his gig as Memphis Grizzlies head coach at the beginning of the season.

Regardless, don't expect the hiring of Fizdale to be enough to lure James to Madison Square Garden this summer. There will be greener pastures calling with the likes of young and reloading teams like the Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers.

Compared to them, the Knicks have little to offer as their star, Kristaps Porzingis, might not even play in 2018-19 as he continues to recover from a torn ACL suffered in February.

For a veteran who will turn 34 midway through next season, James doesn't have time to help completely reverse the fortunes of another NBA franchise like he did with the Cavaliers.

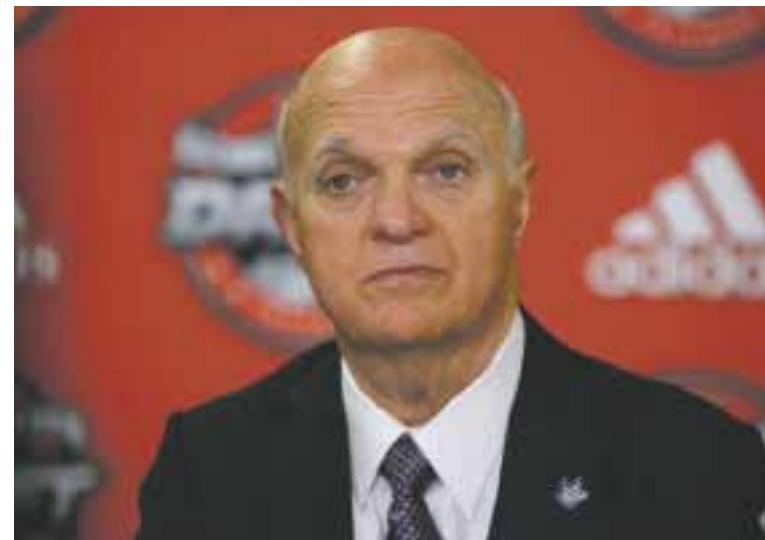
## Lamoriello, Islanders still possible

Ever since Lou Lamoriello was removed from his general-manager role with the Toronto Maple Leafs to become a senior advisor, the Hall of Famer was constantly linked to the New York Islanders, a franchise in desperate need of a savior in the front office.

It looks like all those talks look to have some merit after a report from Sportsnet's John Shannon disclosed that the Islanders and Lamoriello have in fact spoken about a possible future together.

Neither the Islanders nor Lamoriello have confirmed Shannon's reports, which isn't much of a surprise considering the legendary GM is known for keeping all his cards extremely close to the vest.

It's a style that's done nothing but work for him, though, as he helped the New Jersey



Hall of Fame general manager Lou Lamoriello's next stop could be right here in New York. GETTY IMAGES

Devs to three Stanley Cup titles while turning around a Maple Leafs organization that hadn't made the playoffs for a decade before his arrival

in 2015.

His tenure in Toronto though was mapped out as he and team president Brendan Shanahan had an agreement that the

75-year-old would stay on for three seasons as GM before shifting to a general manager role.

While Shanahan kept his word, promot-

ing assistant GM and 32-year-old Kyle Dubas on Friday, it appears that Lamoriello isn't ready to relinquish a dominant role within a team's front office.

A general manager with his experience is something the Islanders desperately need as they have been stuck in neutral for the last 12 years under current team president and GM Garth Snow.

Snow and Lamoriello are close as the Islanders hired his son, Chris, as assistant general manager in 2016, which could help ensure there are no growing pains should the two parties come to an agreement this offseason.

For fans pleading for Snow to be removed from New York's front office, it likely won't happen. As Lamoriello would likely have a final say on all roster decisions,

Snow would retain his role as president, though he would likely be a figurehead more than anything.

Still, it would give the organization that hasn't won a Stanley Cup since its four-year dynasty from 1980-1983 a proven voice in the front office that has a track record of taking downtrodden organizations and building them into contenders.

It would also give the Islanders legitimacy on the free-agent market, which is incredibly vital to their future considering star captain John Tavares could be testing the market this summer.

Retaining Tavares with Lamoriello building a dangerous team around him — all while the Islanders prepare to move into a new arena in a few seasons — could give the organization something it hasn't had in decades: Relevance. JOE PANTORNO

# Mets a possible Machado landing spot

The Mets would benefit from trading for Manny Machado, but they'll have competition should they show interest.



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As it becomes more and more clear that the Baltimore Orioles will be one of the worst teams in Major League Baseball, the trade rumors involving All-Star infielder Manny Machado continue to gain traction.

Through 40 games, the Orioles are 12-28 and already out of contention in the AL East. With the franchise going nowhere, it's unlikely that Machado will re-sign with the club once his contract expires at the end of this season. It would have been difficult enough even if Baltimore was contenders

given their small-market status. But the fact that they are suddenly facing a rebuild, it's all but a given that Machado will leave.

That means the franchise has to trade the 25-year-old in order to get something in return to help move that rebuild along. Letting him walk could be disastrous for the organization as he is worth multiple blue-chip prospects.

The problem is that teams interested in Machado won't be too keen on giving up a lot for the prospect of a rental. A contending team could see Machado as the missing piece to a championship puzzle in 2018, but he could call for a contract between \$200 million and \$300 million this winter.

It's easy to see why. Machado has been red-hot during the opening six weeks of the 2018 season, slinging .343/.426/.658 with 13 home runs and 36 RBI.

Naturally, there are potential suitors out on



Manny Machado could be available on the trade market very soon. GETTY IMAGES

the market right now that could make an inquiry for Machado.

The defending National League-champion Los Angeles Dodgers are in desperate need of a shortstop after starter Corey Seager underwent Tommy John surgery. Chris Taylor has been a solid stopgap, but the Dodgers are already eight games back of the NL West-leading Arizona

Diamondbacks and in need of some kind of spark if they want to get back to the postseason.

In the National League Central, the Chicago Cubs have made it known that they are interested in Machado.

Per Gordon Wittenmyer of the Chicago Sun-Times:

"But after checking in on his availability during the winter, the Cubs

provide Baltimore with a solid return if he were to be included.

Then there's the New York Mets, who went from one of the hottest teams in baseball to one of its most embarrassing in the span of a month. They've already been active on the trade market, dealing Matt Harvey to the Cincinnati Reds for catcher Devin Mesoraco, but a lot more has to be done to right the ship.

Young Amed Rosario, the organization's top prospect before being called up in August of 2017, is proving that he's not ready to succeed at the MLB level yet as he's slashing .243/.274/.324 with 28 strikeouts in 34 games. His plate discipline is poor and his swing has plenty of holes that need to be addressed. If the Mets want to contend now in an NL East that is suddenly up for grabs, Machado could be the piece that helps them become serious contenders.

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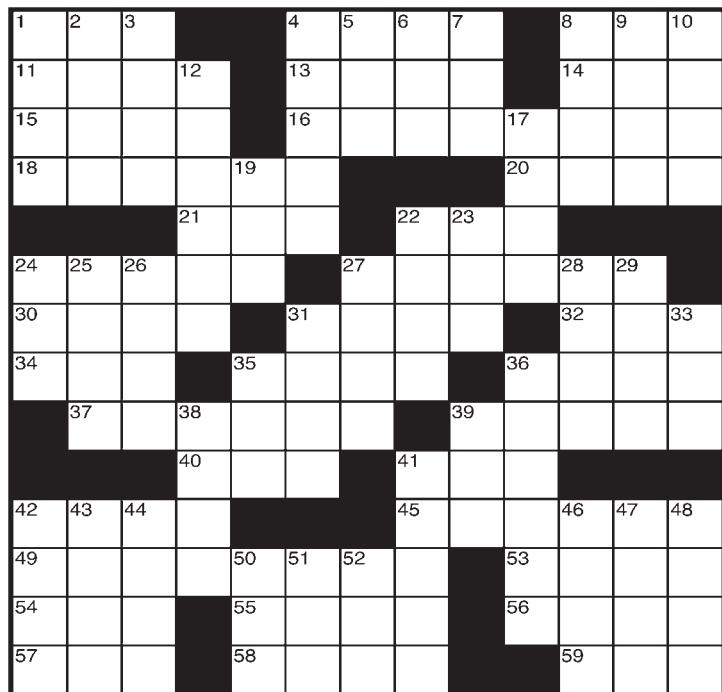
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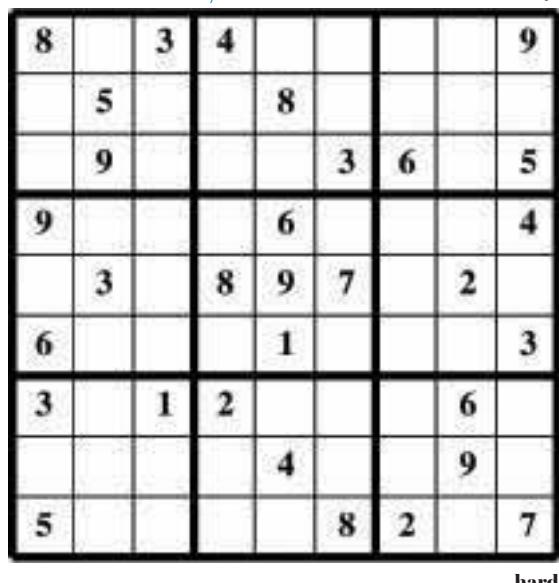
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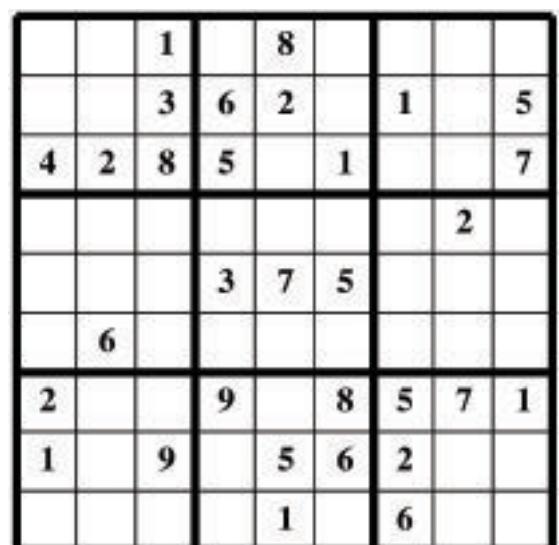


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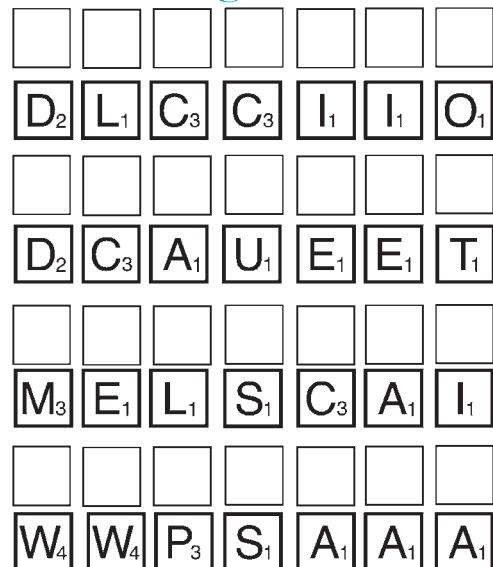
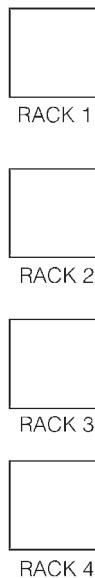
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